

Focus on Fifth

Weekly News for Holmes Fifth-Grade Families

News and Events in the 5th Grade

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Important Dates:

February 5 - Skating field trip (Guilder field trip)

Week of February 8 - Conferences

March 19 - Young Scientists Conference

News

Ice Skating field trip

Friday, February 5 is the next Guilder field trip. We will be walking to Ridgeland for an afternoon of ice skating. Students need to have 300 Guilders in order to be eligible to attend this field trip. The cost of this trip is \$7, which includes skate rental. If your child does not need to rent skate, the cost is \$3. Permission slips and payment are due February 2.

D97 Young Scientists Conference!

Oak Park District 97 presents...The **2016 Young Scientists Conference!** It will return after a 3-year hiatus on Saturday, March 19, 9 AM - 10:30AM & 11AM - 12:30PM at Horace Mann School. The Young Scientists Conference provides D97 students in grades K-8 an opportunity to interact with scientists in hands-on workshops. Workshops are led by professionals in all fields of science. Many scientists also volunteer throughout the year in educational partnerships with D97 schools through Oak Park Education Foundation's Science Alliance Program. Students are assigned to one 90-minute workshop based on grade level. Students must register and are selected from homerooms by lottery to help assure that all schools and grades are represented. Participants will be notified by late February. Please register at <http://www.op97.org/ysc2016/>. Registration ends February 10. If you have any questions, please email youngscientists@op97.org.

Typing Practice

Students can log on to Typing Training from home to practice keyboarding skills. The Typing Training program is accessible from the District's website, and students should begin practicing keyboarding skills at home. The link is:

<http://www.op97.org/technology/Custom-Typing.cfm>

Specials- www.holmesspecials.blogspot.com

Art

All classes will continue to work on their large Basquiat inspired paintings.

~Ms. Jones (kjones@op97.org)

Music

We will be having a discussion based on the 5th grade's trip to "Flat Stanley" at Brooks last week. We will be starting our piece for this trimester on Orff (xylophone) instruments (Street Song). I will have a help session during lunch this week on Wednesday from 11:45-12:15. Students may work on their composition or recorder assessments if they are behind. We will still have one more class on the composition assessment at the end of the week. If you have any questions please email me at akaria@op97.org.

--Mrs. Karia

Chorus

We are now be practicing for our District Festival. If you didn't order a T-shirt in the fall and want one, please fill out the form at this link- [Chorus Shirt 2016](#)

Spanish

We have completed our IMovies on each of our interpretation of Juan el Bombero. Now we are making new stories!. To check for any further updates visit my [blog](#). Or email me at afavela@op97.org.

Library, Reading Olympics

We will be having a meeting this Thursday, February 4th during recess. Please keep up with your reading! Don't forget to check in with your "team captain" who has the list of which books each teammate is reading. <http://www.op97.org/holmes/mediacenter/Reading-Olympics.cfm>

Library

We're continuing our Taking a Stand unit, and are in our third week of reading excerpts from *Glory Be*. All excerpts and worksheets can be accessed and turned in through Google Classroom. Please email me with any questions! mmaneck@op97.org

Physical Education

Happy New Year! Our Holmes students will kick this new year off with conditioning. That's right! After much holiday feasting, it's time to whip our future leaders back in shape! Also for the entire month of February, our p.e. district 97 gymnastics unit will be going on. Specific skills such as balance and coordination will be key targets for the students improve upon and/or master..

Reading/Literature

This week, we will be continuing our ELA unit, "Taking a Stand." We will be wrapping up the literary portion of this unit with some activities that go along with *Maniac Magee*. Students will be taking their Literary Analysis Assessment on Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

Please make sure there is a parent or guardian checking, and initialing, students' reading logs each night!

Writing

Our writing time will be spent working on science fair research papers. Students have completed a graphic organizer and will begin drafting, by synthesizing information from multiple sources to answer questions about their topic.

Math

This week, we move on to multiplication of fractions and mixed numbers. We will be working on two types of problems this week - equal sharing and multiple groups. The equal sharing problems help

students understand the relationship between fractions and division. With multiple groups problems, students will use visual models to investigate fraction multiplication. These problems, coupled with continued math talks, will also help students develop their fraction number sense. Students now have two booklets for the second half of our fractions unit. The orange booklet has the problem sets and the gold booklet is the homework booklet. Students should bring both booklets home so that they can look at what we did in class to help with homework. Both booklets are posted on the 5th grade wiki.

Science

In science this week, we will be finishing up our three paragraphs for the Science Fair research paper. The first drafts of the Science Fair paper are due this **Thursday, February 4th**. Please make sure that your child completes these paragraphs at home if they did not finish at school. We will also be finishing our catapult experiment in order to prepare students to conduct their own controlled experiments for the Science Fair. We will also have a quiz on controlled experiments and variables this Thursday.

Social Studies

This week we begin to learn about the origin of the 13 colonies. Students will find out how Jamestown and Plymouth colonies were founded, as well as how the colonists interacted with the people who were already living on the land. We will also investigate the mystery of Roanoke, a failed English colony.

Word Study

We will begin Unit 3 of our vocabulary curriculum with Lesson 11, which focuses on the Latin base *aqua* and the Greek base *hydr(o)*, meaning “water” Students will have word work for this lesson due on Friday.

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